GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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POWERS TO PIB
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give more powers to Press Information Bureau to oversee the functioning of Press in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Minister of State of the Department of Disinvestment

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a), (b) and (c):

The Press Information Bureau is the nodal agency of the Government todisseminate information to the media about Government`s policies, programmes, initiatives and achievements and provide feedback to the Government about the people`s reaction as reflected in the media. The Press Information Bureau doesnot oversee the functioning of the Press in India and there is no proposal to giveit this role.